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SOUTH VIETNAM

Saigon's pro-government newspaper Tin Song has published a commentary on General Haig's visit. Quoting a "highly placed source," Tin Song stated that President Thieu, in his talks with General Haig and Ambassador Bunker, maintained that the Communists have over 300,000 troops in the south, not 140,000 as the US claims, and that all of these must be withdrawn. The newspaper quoted the source as saying that Thieu would not be satisfied with "any temporary withdrawal of a symbolic number of 14,000 North Vietnamese troops," and that any "tacit agreements" were invalid. The commentary maintained that all future agreements on South Vietnam "must be decided by the South Vietnamese people themselves," that the "right of self determination" for the country's entire population must be respected, and that "no future peace agreement can be signed on their behalf."

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VIETNAM

The Vietnamese Communists have begun hitting the "Thieu-must-go" theme again, which they had been avoiding over the past several weeks. The Hanoi party daily on 10 November called Thieu an "obstacle to be removed." The same point was made again yesterday. Also, Madame Binh stated at the Paris talks on Thursday that he "should resign." Under pressure from newsmen, however, PRG spokesman Ly Van Sau acknowledged that the PRG was still willing to talk with a Saigon government headed by Thieu after a truce agreement is signed.

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Lufthansa has been the target of two fedayeen hijackings this year. In February, a reported \$5 million dollars was paid for the release of one Lufthansa aircraft commandeered by the PFLP, and in October the perpetrators of the Munich incident were given their freedom for the release of another taken over by the Black September organization.

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